

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 258

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jessica Willings on her selection as the 2017 Jefferson County Grades PreK-4 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Willings is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Willings was recently selected as the 2017 Jefferson County Grades PreK-4 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a fourth-grade math and science teacher at Talbott Elementary School for the past three and one-half years, Ms. Willings received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and her Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, a certified TEAM evaluator, Jessica Willings has led numerous professional development sessions in her school and her district; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she was selected as a NASA Ambassador for Methods in STEM Instruction in 2016, and she was named the Talbott Elementary School Teacher of the Year in February 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Willings is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Jessica Willings serves as a TNachieves Mentor and has sponsored and organized clubs in her school; she is a children's church teacher at Providence Church; and

WHEREAS, she is truly an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Willings epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest values of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jessica Willings on being chosen as the 2017 Jefferson County Grades PreK-4 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.